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EXAMINING GROUP 1623

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Kenro NAKAMURA et al.**

Appln. No.: 09/453,831

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action dated January 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1, 4, and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claim

17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A polishing method comprising:

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